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§ 1416.3 Administration.

(a) These programs are administered under the general supervision of the Administrator, Farm Service Agency (FSA), or Executive Vice President of CCC.

(b) CCC representatives do not have authority to modify or waive any of the provisions of the regulations of subparts B through I of this part.

(c) The State FSA committee shall take any action required by the regulations of subparts B through H of this part that the county FSA committee has not taken. The State committee shall also:

(1) Correct, or require a county committee to correct, any action taken by such county committee that is not in accordance with the regulations of subparts B through H of this part; or

(2) Require a county committee to withhold taking any action that is not in accordance with subparts B through H of this part.

(d) No provision or delegation to a State or county FSA committee shall preclude the Executive Vice President, CCC, FSA Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs (Deputy Administrator), or a designee of such, from determining any question arising under the program or from reversing or modifying any determination made by a State or county FSA committee.

§ 1416.4 Definitions.

The following definitions apply to the programs in subparts B through H of this part. The definitions in parts 718 and 1400 of this chapter shall also apply, except where they conflict with the definitions in this section.

Application period means the date established by the Deputy Administrator for producers to apply for program benefits.

Bush means a thick densely branched woody shrub grown in the ground for the production of an annual crop for commercial market for human consumption.

Commercial use means used in the operation of a business activity engaged in as a means of livelihood for profit by the eligible producer.

Crop insurance means an insurance policy reinsured by the Federal Crop

Insurance Corporation under the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended.

Farming operation means a business enterprise engaged in producing agricultural products.

Owner means one who had legal ownership of the trees, bushes, vines, or livestock for which benefits are being requested under subparts B through H, on the day such plant or livestock perished or suffered losses due to an eligible hurricane.

Tier means the geographic bands of damage generally correlating to the severity of damage caused by the maximum sustained winds of the applicable hurricanes.

Tree means a tree (including a Christmas tree, ornamental tree, nursery tree, and potted tree).

Vine means a perennial plant grown under normal conditions from which an annual fruit crop is produced for commercial market for human consumption, such as grape, kiwi, or passion fruit that has a flexible stem supported by climbing, twining, or creeping along a surface.

§ 1416.5 Application for payment.

(a) A producer who applies for any program under subparts B through H of this part shall submit an application and required supporting documentation to the county FSA office serving the county where the eligible loss occurred; or in the case of LCP, where the eligible livestock were physically located on the applicable date.

(b) The application must be filed during the application period announced by the Deputy Administrator.

(c) Payments may be made for eligible losses suffered by an eligible producer who is now deceased or is a dissolved entity if a representative who currently has authority to enter into a contract for the producer signs the application for payment. Proof of authority to sign for the deceased producer or dissolved entity must be provided. If a producer is now a dissolved general partnership or joint venture, all members of the general partnership or joint venture at the time of dissolution or their duly authorized representatives must sign the application for payment.

(d) Data furnished by the applicant will be used to determine eligibility for